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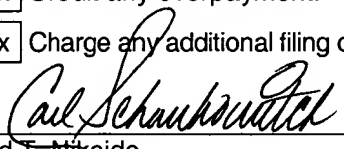
Invention: PNEUMATIC TIRE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

Sub B7
1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire provided with a plurality of main grooves extended in a tire circumferential direction on a tread surface, wherein, with regard to a main groove having a groove width widened during inflation among said plurality of main grooves, a groove wall near a shoulder is inclined outward in a tire width direction toward a groove bottom, a thin rib protruding from the groove bottom along the groove wall near the shoulder is provided, and a groove wall near the center is inclined outward in the tire width direction toward the groove bottom, thereby said main groove having the groove width widened during inflation extends along a single narrow groove formed between the groove wall near the shoulder and the thin rib.